

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

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1. (Currently amended) A storage medium comprising:

a' a specified storage area on which revocation information is registered, the revocation information ~~designating at least one electronic device in which use of the storage medium by the designated electronic device is to be revoked,~~ being used to determine whether or not use of the storage medium by an electronic device is to be revoked; and

~~wherein an electronic device which attempts to access the storage medium is controlled in accordance with the revocation information~~

a controller which determines whether or not use of the storage medium by an electronic device which attempts to access to the storage medium is to be revoked, based on the revocation information registered on the specified storage area and information sent from the electronic device, wherein the controller sends a key needed for a content exchange to the electronic device when the controller does not determine that use of the storage medium by the electronic device is to be revoked, and wherein a content which is encrypted using the key is written on a predetermined storage area of the storage medium by the electronic device.

2. (Currently amended) ~~The storage medium according to claim 1, further comprising:~~ A storage medium comprising:

a ~~controller for receiving from the electronic device which attempts to access, identification information indicative of the electronic device, and checking whether identification information corresponding to the received identification information is contained in the revocation information, thereby determining whether or not use of the storage medium by the electronic device which attempts to access should be revoked.~~

a specified storage area on which revocation information is registered, the revocation information being used to determine whether or not use of the storage medium by an electronic device is to be revoked; and

a controller which determines whether or not use of the storage medium by an electronic device which attempts to access to the storage medium is to be revoked, based on the revocation information registered on the specified storage area and information sent from the electronic device, wherein the controller sends a key needed for a content exchange to the electronic device when the controller does not determine that use of the storage medium by the electronic device is to be revoked, and wherein a content which is encrypted using the key is read out from a predetermined storage area of the storage medium by the electronic device.

3. (Currently amended) The storage medium according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein when the controller determines that use of the storage medium by the electronic device should be revoked, a subsequent process is halted.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The storage medium according to claim 1, wherein the specified storage area is a storage area provided on a read-only non-volatile memory.

a1 7. (Original) The storage medium according to claim 1, wherein the specified storage area is a storage area which is provided on a rewritable read-only non-volatile memory and can be accessed only by a secret specific procedure.

8. (Currently amended) A contents protection method comprising the steps of:
providing a specified storage area on storage medium and registering revocation information on the specified storage area, the revocation information ~~designating at least one electronic device in which use of the storage medium by the designated electronic device is to be revoked~~ being used to determine whether or not use of the storage medium by an electronic device is to be revoked; [[and]]

~~controlling an electronic device which attempts to access the storage medium in accordance with the revocation information~~

determining whether or not use of the storage medium by an electronic device which attempts to access to the storage medium is to be revoked, based on the

revocation information registered on the specified storage area and information sent from the electronic device;

sending a key needed for a content exchange to the electronic device when it is not determined that use of the storage medium by the electronic device is to be revoked; and

writing a content which is encrypted using the key on a predetermined storage area of the storage medium by the electronic device.

a' 9. (Currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 8, wherein the controlling step comprises the steps of:~~ A contents protection method comprising the steps of:

~~receiving from the electronic device which attempts to access, identification information indicative of the electronic device; and~~

~~checking whether identification information corresponding to the received identification information is contained in the revocation information, thereby determining whether or not use of the storage medium by the electronic device which attempts to access should be revoked.~~

providing a specified storage area on storage medium and registering revocation information on the specified storage area, the revocation information being used to determine whether or not use of the storage medium by an electronic device is to be revoked;

determining whether or not use of the storage medium by an electronic device which attempts to access to the storage medium is to be revoked, based on the

revocation information registered on the specified storage area and information sent from the electronic device;

sending a key needed for a content exchange to the electronic device when it is not determined that use of the storage medium by the electronic device is to be revoked; and

reading out a content which is encrypted using the key from a predetermined storage area of the storage medium by the electronic device.

a 10. (Currently amended) The method according to claim [[9]] 8, wherein when it is determined in the ~~checking~~ determining step that use of the storage medium by the electronic device should be revoked, a subsequent process is halted.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein the specified storage area is a storage area provided on a read-only non-volatile memory.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein the specified storage area is a storage area which is provided on a rewritable read-only non-volatile memory and can be accessed only by a secret specific procedure.

15. (New) The storage medium according to claim 2, wherein when the controller determines that use of the storage medium by the electronic device should be revoked, a subsequent process is halted.

16. (New) The storage medium according to claim 2, wherein the specified storage area is a storage area provided on a read-only non-volatile memory.

a 17. (New) The storage medium according to claim 2, wherein the specified storage area is a storage area which is provided on a rewritable read-only non-volatile memory and can be accessed only by a secret specific procedure.

18. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein when it is determined in the determining step that use of the storage medium by the electronic device should be revoked, a subsequent process is halted.

19. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the specified storage area is a storage area provided on a read-only non-volatile memory.

20. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the specified storage area is a storage area which is provided on a rewritable read-only non-volatile memory and can be accessed only by a secret specific procedure.
